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SUBJECT: CSCE: HUMAN CONTACTS INTRODUCTION: RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
DETENTE AND HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS

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1. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION, SOVREP DUBININ SAID THAT
SOVIETS COULD ACCEPT NEW SWISS PARA (REFTEL B) AS THE THIRD
--OR LATER--PARA OF THE SUBJECT TEXT (REFTEL C), RATHER
THAN AS THE SECOND PARA AS PROPOSED BY SWISS AND AUTHORIZED
BY DEPARTMENT (REFTEL A). WE BELIEVE THAT PREFERRED SOVIET
PLACEMENT DOES NOT MEET US CONCERNS (REFTEL D & E) THAT
"DETENTE" NOT BE SOLE DETERMING FACTOR IN DEALING WITH
HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS, AND INTEND TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
ITS PLACEMENT AS SECOND PARA, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

2. THE SOVIET PLACEMENT WOULD HAVE THE DETENTE PARA FOLLOWING
IMMEDIATELY ON THE SWISS PARA, AS FOLLOWS:

"CONSCIOUS OF THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THESE
PROBLEMS;

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GUIDED BY THE DESIRE TO APPLY THEIR EFFORTS, AS

DETENTE DEVELOPS, WITH THE AIM OF FURTHER PROGRESS
IN THIS FIELD".

THE CLEAR INTENTION IS TO LINK "HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS"
TO "IN THIS FIELD" IN THE DETENTE PARA AND MAKE IT
SUBJECT TO "AS DETENTE DEVELOPS". WE BELIEVE THAT
ABOVE JUXTAPOSITION IMPLIES SUBORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN
CONCERNS TO POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ("DETENTE") AND THUS WILL
NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT. DALE

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